

**TRANSPORTATION AND RELATED EQUIPMENT
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
JUSTIFICATION FOR RENEWAL**

1. Accomplishments under Extant Charter. The Transportation and Related Equipment Technical Advisory Committee (TRANSTAC) will have met eight times during the period 8/19/2014 to 8/19/2016.

The TRANSTAC responded to numerous requests by the Department of Commerce for its position on proposed regulations policy and export control changes. It monitored the capability of the transportation and related equipment industry on a world-wide basis and evaluated the rate of change in the industry as it had an impact on the effectiveness of export controls.

The TRANSTAC, composed of members selected for their individual expertise regarding the technical parameters for export controls as well as their expertise regarding the administration of those controls, is a uniquely configured source for up-to-date technical guidance on commodities in the high technology marketplace.

The estimated annual operating cost of the TRANSTAC is \$40,209.

2. Need for Renewal. The aerospace sector accounts for the highest positive contribution to the balance of trade. Significant changes to U.S. aerospace export control policy continue to occur as a result of changes in the global arena of high-technology exports. Developments in technology and the movement to composite-based materials used in the aerospace industry, coupled with the trend for aircraft manufacturers to subcontract the production of aerospace parts and components abroad, have created a continuing need for the export control parameters for commodities within Categories 7, 8 and 9 of the Commerce Control List (CCL), to be discussed within a single advisory body. With the current organization of the CCL, one forum is needed for addressing export control issues for all technology relating to the transportation and related equipment industry.

The work of the Committee is essential to the conduct of the Department's business and is in the public interest.

3. Balanced Membership. The membership is required by law to be composed of a diverse representation of industry and Government with specific technical or administrative expertise. The principal sources for members from industry are large and small firms located throughout the country that manufacture equipment that is subject to U.S. export control.

Few people possess the technical expertise needed in the transportation and related equipment area to qualify for service on the Committee. Members of the Committee are not selected as representatives of their firms. Rather, the prime criterion for membership is the technical expertise of the individual.

4. Other Factors. The functions of the TRANSTAC cannot be performed by the Department or any existing committee as only qualified individuals currently working in the industry are able to keep abreast of developments affecting export controls on transportation and related equipment. Further, a private sector perspective regarding the formulation and implementation of export control policies, laws, and regulations is necessary. The technical advice provided by this Committee will be needed as long as there are controls on the equipment under its technical purview; the nature of this advisory role indicates that the Committee's function is ongoing.